

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for providing telecommunications service to users in a service area using a wireless link. An office-side connection system is provided for connecting a local distribution system to the central office switch. The local  
5 distribution system includes a cross-connect system and a radio for linking to a second local distribution system. The second distribution system includes subscriber connections for connecting to the user telecommunications devices. The radio may be enclosed in a hut or cabinet with the cross-connect system. The radio may also be enclosed in a hut while the cross-connect system is enclosed in a  
10 cabinet. The radio may be temporary to provide a temporary radio link until a permanent optical or copper cable can replace the radio.